

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Hisashi Akiyama  
Appln. No. : 10/599,594  
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Title : ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT  
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Examiner : Angela Hoffa  
Customer No. : 52054  
Docket No. : NIHE-41412

Commissioner of Patents  
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**AMENDMENT "D"**

**FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated November 24, 2009 (Paper No. 20091118) and the Advisory Action dated March 11, 2010 (Paper No. 20100226). This amendment is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The three-month period for responding to the Office action expired on February 24, 2010. Applicants request and petition that the period for responding to the Office action be extended for one month, through March 24, 2010. Please charge \$940 to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No.: NIHE-41412 for the \$810 RCE fee and the \$130 extension of time fee.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.